

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/691,111	RECEIVED
Filing Date	October 22, 2003	CENTRAL FAX CENTER
Confirmation Number	5335	FEB 27 2006
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any  
design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered  
in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed  
unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐.
- iii. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- b. ☐ Please do not enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
- c. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time - 4 months - included in amend. fee trans.
- v. ☐ Other --


## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period  
of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other -- ☐.

## 3. Fees

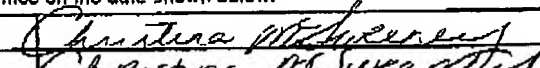
- The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed
- a. ☐ A check is enclosed for the fees indicated in b. in the total amount of \$☐
- OR
- ☒ Authorization is granted to charge the fees indicated in b. in the total amount of \$2,430 to Deposit Account  
No. 08-0380.
- b. i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$1,590)
- iii. ☒ Amendment Fee (\$50)
- iv. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- c. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
Account No. 08-0380

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,043
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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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